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June 2, 2005

To: Bill Kennedy, District 5, Transportation Commission Chair  
Nancy Espy, District 4, Transportation Commission Vice Chair  
Rick Griffith, District 2 Transportation Commissioner  
Kevin Howlett, District 1 Transportation Commissioner  
Deb Kottel, District 3 Transportation Commissioner

Subject: Results of May 26, 2005 bid-letting

Greetings commissioners!

Please join us for a conference call on **June 6 at 10 am**. The conference line will be available beginning two minutes before 10 am. Please call **1-888-224-5894** and use the password **1406#** to access the conference line.

*Summary*

Five projects were advertised. In all, 12 bids were tendered.

*Bid summaries and staff recommendations*

(1) **Meriwether – East & Alkali Lake Wetland Mitigation**

Project NH-NHTSA 1-3(36)234 F & STPX-NH 37(26)

Two bids were tendered. There were no errors or omissions in the low bid which was 8.64 percent over our engineers' estimate.

Staff recommends the contract be awarded to S K Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,980,595.90.

(2) **Clagett Hill**

Project MT 236-1(10)44

Five bids were tendered. There were no errors or omissions in the low bid which was 38.67 percent under our engineers' estimate. Please see explanation on page 3 of the bid comparison sheets for more information.

Staff recommends the contract be awarded to M K Weeden Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,832,552.94.

(3) **East of Hardin – East and 9 km South of St. Xavier – South**

Project STPS 384-1(19)13 & SFCS 313-1(14)29

Two bids were tendered. There were no errors or omissions in the low bid which was 15.54 percent over our engineers' estimate.

At your March 7 conference call, you did not award the South of St. Xavier – South project to the low bidder, Riverside Contracting, Inc. Their \$917,140.30 bid was 31.02 percent over our engineers' estimate.

As agreed on that date, staff tied the project with the *East of Hardin – East* project. Riverside's original bid had a better price on plant mix, but they've since moved their plant and now have a longer haul. Even with the higher plant mix bid price, the overall price is still lower than the first bid. Please see page 3 of the bid comparison sheets for a justification for raising the engineers' estimate by \$211,607 – this brings the low bid to 6.9 percent above the engineers' estimate and within guidelines for award.

Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Riverside Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$3,036,735.90.

(4) **Lockwood to Johnson Lane**

Project STPX 56931(2)

One bids was tendered. There were no errors or omissions in the low bid which was 5.45 percent under our engineers' estimate.

Staff recommends the contract be awarded to J T L Group, Inc. – Billings in the amount of \$338,888.

(5) **2001 – D1 – Electrical**

Project STPHS 0002(758)

Two bids were tendered. There were no errors or omissions in the low bid which was .96 percent under our engineers' estimate.

Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Montana Lines, Inc. in the amount of \$53,011.10.

Sincerely,

I concur in the recommendations:

Loran Frazier, Acting Chief Engineer

Tim Reardon, Chief Counsel

attachments

copies: Jim Lynch, Director  
Jim Currie, Deputy Director  
Kent Barnes, Bridge Engineer  
Mark Wissinger, Construction Engineer  
Suzy Althof, Contract Plans Bureau Chief  
Michael Kulbacki, FHWA Field Operations Engineer

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**LETTING OF MAY 26, 2005**

Sealed bids on the following projects will be received by the Montana Department of Transportation-Highways Division, Contract Plans Bureau, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, Montana until 9:00 a.m. on May 26, 2005, the bids being publicly opened and read thereafter at 10:00 a.m. in the Department's auditorium.

Bid proposals, plans, cross-sections, dirt runs & erosion control plans if available, and full instructions to bidders are on file for examination and may be obtained from the Contract Plans Bureau. These documents may be requested by FAX (406)444-7236, (see enclosed order form) by mail or by calling (406)444-6216, 6212, 6215 or TTY 444-7696

All bid documents are available for downloading and/or printing at no charge at the following web site: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/> under the "Letting Info" dropdown and "Bid Packages" link. Additional bid letting information is also available on this web site.

Cost for hard copies of these documents vary with each project and is quoted in the project information contained herein. There will be no refund allowance for documents ordered and returned. Do not send cash. Please make all checks payable to the Montana Department of Transportation. Please do not send payment until billed.

Persons or firms desiring to qualify or bid on highway construction on the basis of a joint venture must declare their intention by executing a "Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney." Joint Venture affidavits must be included with the Bid Proposal.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement is subject to all appropriate state and federal civil rights laws. The prime and subcontractors are required to pay the wage rates set out in the bid proposal.

MDT will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the award, performance or administration of any MDT contract or in the administration of its DBE program (49 CFR Part 26). MDT attempts to provide reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program or activity of the department. Alternate accessible formats of this document will be provided upon request. If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in MDT bid lettings, call the Civil Rights Bureau at 444-6331 or TTY 406-444-7696 [TTY 1-800-335-7592 (toll free)].

**Contractor Registration**

Effective July 1, 1996, Montana law requires all contractors to register with the Montana Department of Labor.

On Federal-aid projects, contractors must register prior to executing a contract.

On State-funded projects, bidders must be registered prior to submitting a bid.

For information regarding this requirement, contact the Department of Labor at 1-406-444-7734 or TTY 1-406-444-5549.

MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HIGHWAYS DIVISION

Bill Kennedy, Chairman  
Montana Transportation Commission

Jim Lynch  
Director of Transportation

**1. Meriwether – East & Alkali Lake Wetland Mitigation  
Federal Aid Project No. NH-NHTSA 1-3(36)234 F & STPX-NH 37(26)**

Grading, gravel, CTB, surfacing, drainage and fencing on 21.3 kilometers on the Meriwether – East project on US 2, in Glacier County.

The project begins at about 17.7 kilometers east of Browning (RP 233.58), extending east to about 39.1 kilometers east of Browning (RP 246.88), beginning in Section 21, Township 33 North, Range 9 West.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A pre-bid conference will be held at the following time and location:

Wednesday, May 11, 2005, 10:30 a.m. at

Blackfeet Tribal Council Chambers, Browning, MT

Representatives of MDT and the Blackfeet Tribe will be present to describe the project and answer questions.

The pre-bid conference will have a formal sign-in process that will become the official record of attendance for the purposes of determining eligible bidders.

Attendance at this conference is mandatory for any contractor to submit a bid as a prime. Contractors who bid as a prime bidder on this project must have at least one full time, permanent employee present. No proxy representatives, such as subcontractors or consultants, meet this requirement. In the event a bidder tenders a bid but did not attend the pre-bid conference, the bid will be returned unopened.

**INVOLVING:**

70,000.000	UNIT	MISCELLANEOUS WORK	32.400	M	FARM GATE-METAL-TYPE G-3
65.100	CRKM	FINISH GRADE CONTROL	438.500	M	FENCE-TEMPORARY
1.000	L SUM	MOBILIZATION	67.000	EACH	DEADMAN
1.000	L SUM	REMOVE STRUCTURE	670.560	M	SNOW FENCE-WOOD
277,362.000	M3	EXCAVATION-UNCLASSIFIED	393.000	M	FARM FENCE-TYPE F2W-813 MM WW
2,770.000	M3	EXCAVATION-MUCK	604.500	M	REMOVE FENCE
264,791.000	M3	EXCAVATION-UNCLASS BORROW	1.000	EACH	RESET GATE
14,665.000	M3	SPECIAL BORROW	91.200	HA	SEEDING AREA NO 1
5,816.000	M3	EMBANKMENT IN PLACE	8.000	HA	SEEDING AREA NO 2
53,111.000	M3	TOPSOIL-SALVAGING & PLACING	19.600	HA	SEEDING AREA NO 3
293.500	M3	BEDDING MATERIAL	91.200	HA	FERTILIZING AREA NO 1
323.000	M3	FOUNDATION MATERIAL	8.000	HA	FERTILIZING AREA NO 2
300,000.000	UNIT	TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL-CB	116.600	HA	CONDITION SEEDBED SURFACE
5.000	HOUR	DOZER	2.200	HA	MULCH
450.000	KM	TEST TRAILER-TRANSPORT & SETUP	1.000	EACH	CATTLE GUARD 3.0 M
3.000	STA	OBLITERATE ROADWAY	1.000	EACH	CATTLE GUARD 3.6 M
118,615.000	M3	CRUSHED AGGREGATE COURSE	1.000	EACH	CATTLE GUARD 6.0 M
276,841.000	M2	COVER - TYPE 1	5.000	EACH	CATTLE GUARD 7.2 M
2,509.000	MT	BLOTTER MATERIAL	4.000	EACH	REMOVE CATTLE GUARD
9,952.000	M3	TRAFFIC GRAVEL	68.700	M3	RIPRAP-CLASS 1 RANDOM
6,032.700	MT	PORTLAND CEMENT	700,000.000	UNIT	TRAFFIC CONTROL-DEVICES CB
56,160.000	M3	BASE-CEMENT TREATED	65.000	KM	TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS
67,978.000	MT	PLANT MIX BIT SURF GR S-19 MM	5,654.200	KL	WATER FOR DUST CONTROL
952.000	MT	HYDRATED LIME	5.400	M2	SIGNS-ALUM SHEET INCR-SHT I
3,671.100	MT	ASPHALT CEMENT PG 64-34	7.740	M2	SIGNS-SHEET ALUM REFL SHT I
41,857.000	L	EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SS-1	11.310	M2	SIGNS-SHEET ALUM REFL SHT III
284.000	MT	EMULSIFIED ASPHALT CRS-2	130.200	KG	POSTS-STEEL U SIGN
508.700	MT	EMULSIFIED ASPHALT CRS-2P	180.400	KG	POSTS-STEEL STRUCTURAL SIGN
401.000	M2	COLD MILLING	73.100	M	POLES-TRD TMBR-BARN 100 MM
28.300	M3	CONCRETE-CLASS DD	8.600	M	POLES-TRD TMBR-BARN 130 MM
464.600	M	REMOVE PIPE CULVERTS	4.000	EACH	FRANG SIGN POST BKWY S100X11
2.000	M	RELAY PIPE CULVERT	382.000	EACH	DELINEATOR-DES A
721.500	M	DRAINAGE PIPE 450 MM	10.000	EACH	DELINEATOR-DES D
827.000	M	DRAINAGE PIPE 600 MM	44.000	EACH	REMOVE SIGNS
60.000	M	DRAINAGE PIPE 900 MM	4.000	EACH	REMOVE SIGNS-GUIDE
4.000	M	CSP 600 MM X 1.63 MM	4.000	EACH	RESET SIGNS
50.000	M	SSPPA 3.910 M X 2.82 MM	1,791.600	L	STRIPING-WHITE PAINT
7.000	EACH	MANHOLE-1200 MM-TYPE 1	410.900	L	STRIPING-YELLOW PAINT
5.000	EACH	MANHOLE 1200 MM-TYPE 3	10.400	L	WORDS & SYMBOLS-WHITE PAINT
8.000	EACH	MANHOLE 1500 MM-TYPE 3	2,424.900	L	STRIPING-WHITE EPOXY
255.000	M	FARM FENCE-TYPE F3W	492.700	L	STRIPING-YELLOW EPOXY
16,298.200	M	FARM FENCE-TYPE F4W	13.800	L	WORDS/SYMBOLS-WHITE EPOXY
772.800	M	FARM FENCE-TYPE F4W & F4M	193.000	M2	GEOTEX-EROSION CL 2 & 3 RIPRAP
4,789.200	M	FARM FENCE-TYPE F5W	55,452.000	M2	GEOTEXTILE-SEP/STAB-HIGH SURV
443.600	M	FARM FENCE-WOVEN WIRE	18,811.000	M2	GEOGRID
2,379.300	M	FENCE - SPECIAL DESIGN-B	3,126.000	M2	STRAW COCONUT BLANKET
180.000	EACH	FARM FENCE-PANEL/SINGLE FW	9,768.000	M2	COCONUT BLANKET
102.000	EACH	FARM FENCE-PANEL/DOUBLE FW	1,000.000	HOUR	TRAINING PROGRAM
202.000	M	FARM GATE-WIRE-TYPE G-2	1.000	L SUM	CRITICAL PATH SCHEDULE

5.000	EACH	MAILBOX	2,356.000	M	RCP IRR 600 MM CL 2
42.300	KM	RUMBLE STRIPS	6,118.200	M3	BASE COURSE GR 6A
1,753.900	M3	BEDDING MATERIAL	2,529.000	M	PIPE-HDPE 600MM IRR
173.000	M	RCP IRR 525 MM CL 2			

Contract to be completed by August 31, 2006. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$10,000,000.00 and \$15,000,000.00.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 3.0%.

Cost of plans and proposal \$19.00 per set. Cross-sections \$24.00 per set. Large plans \$40.00 per set. Dirt Runs \$10.00 per set. Erosion Control Plans \$3.00 per set. All bid documents are available for downloading and/or printing free of charge on the Contractor's System web site at the following address: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/> under the "Letting Info" dropdown and "Bid Packages" link.

This project is under the jurisdiction of the Great Falls District Administrator. Tentative Engineering Project Manager: Mark Beckedahl

Contract No. 12204. Uniform Nos. 0594B & 5000.

## 2. Clagett Hill

### Federal Aid Project No. MT 236-1(10)44

Grading, gravel surfacing on the Clagett Hill project in Fergus County.

The project is a relocation of 6.009 kilometers of State Secondary Route 236. The project begins approximately 30 kilometers northwest of Winifred and extends north 6.009 kilometers ending near the Missouri River crossing in Sections 1, 12 & 13, Township 22 North, Range 16 East, Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 North, Range 16 East.

### INVOLVING:

20,000.000	UNIT	MISCELLANEOUS WORK	13.500	HA	SEEDING AREA NO 1
14.800	CRKM	FINISH GRADE CONTROL	6.200	HA	SEEDING AREA NO 2
1.000	L SUM	MOBILIZATION	1.300	HA	SEEDING AREA NO 3
630,172.000	M3	EXCAVATION-UNCLASSIFIED	13.500	HA	FERTILIZING AREA NO 1
33,097.000	M3	TOPSOIL-SALVAGING & PLACING	6.200	HA	FERTILIZING AREA NO 2
577.000	M3	FILTER MATERIAL	14.800	HA	CONDITION SEEDBED SURFACE
100,000.000	UNIT	TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL-CB	6.200	HA	MULCH
16,242.000	M3	TOP SURFACING GR 3B	4.000	EACH	CATTLE GUARD 7.2 M
105.500	M	DRAINAGE PIPE 450 MM	15.000	M3	RIPRAP-CLASS 2 RANDOM
227.000	M	DRAINAGE PIPE 600 MM	4.500	M3	BANK PROTECTION-TYPE 3
51.000	M	DRAINAGE PIPE 750 MM	1.000	L SUM	TRAFFIC CONTROL
170.000	M	EMBANKMENT PROTECTOR 600 MM	6.100	M2	SIGNS-SHEET ALUM REFL SHT III
1,104.900	M	GUARD RAIL-STEEL	35.600	M	POLES-TRD TMBR-BARN 100 MM
10.000	EACH	GUARD RAIL-OPTIONAL TERM SECT	4.000	EACH	DELINEATOR-DES D
1,884.900	M	FARM FENCE-TYPE F4W & F4M	240.000	EACH	DELINEATOR-DES F
18.000	EACH	FARM FENCE-PANEL/SINGLE FW	1.000	EACH	HISTORIC MARKER
17.000	EACH	FARM FENCE-PANEL/DOUBLE FW	20.000	M2	GEOTEX-EROSION CL 2 & 3 RIPRAP
7.200	M	FARM GATE-METAL-TYPE G-3	2,880.000	M2	GEOTEXTILE-SEP/STAB-MED SURV
10.000	EACH	DEADMAN			

Contract to be completed in 120 Working Days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$2,500,000.00 and \$6,000,000.00.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 1.5%.

Cost of plans and proposal \$15.00 per set. Cross-sections \$11.00 per set. Large plans \$12.00 per set. Dirt Runs \$10.00 per set. Erosion Control Plans \$3.00 per set. All bid documents are available for downloading and/or printing free of charge on the Contractor's System web site at the following address: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/> under the "Letting Info" dropdown and "Bid Packages" link.

This project is under the jurisdiction of the Billings District Administrator. Tentative Engineering Project Manager: Ray Studebaker

Contract No. 16405. Uniform No. 3176.

**3. East of Hardin – East & 9 km South of St. Xavier - South  
Federal Aid Project Nos. STPS 384-1(19)13 & SFCS 313-1(14)29**

SFCS 313-1(14)29 – Plant mix bituminous surfacing, seal and cover, and bridge rail revision and deck membrane on the 9 km South of St. Xavier – South project in Big Horn County.

The project is located on the Crow Indian Reservation approximately 10 km south of St. Xavier on Secondary 313 beginning at RP 29.0 (Sta. 73+15) and continuing north 8.4 kilometers to RP 34.3 (Sta. 156+84). The bridge work is located over Soap Creek at RP 32.7 (Sta. 97+87).

STPS 384-1(19)13 – Plant mix surfacing, seal and cover and bridge rail revision on the East of Hardin – East project in Big Horn County.

The project is located 21 kilometers northeast of Hardin on Secondary 384 beginning at RP 12.6 (Sta. 194+32.86) and continuing northeast 21.1 kilometers to RP 25.7 (Sta. 404+27.67). The Tullock Creek Bridge is located at RP 15.1 (Sta. 235+07.87).

**MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A pre-bid conference will be held at the following time and location:

Monday, May 9, 2005, 9:00am – 12:00pm, MDT Billings Conference Room.

Representatives of MDT and the Crow Tribe will be present to describe the project and answer questions.

The pre-bid conference will have a formal sign-in process that will become the official record of attendance for the purposes of determining eligible bidders.

Attendance at this conference is mandatory for any contractor to submit a bid as a prime. Contractors who bid as a prime bidder on this project must have at least one full time, permanent employee present. No proxy representatives, such as subcontractors or consultants, meet this requirement. In the event a bidder tenders a bid but did not attend the pre-bid conference, the bid will be returned unopened.

**INVOLVING:**

20,000.000	UNIT	MISCELLANEOUS WORK	2,036.800	M	GUARD RAIL-BOX BEAM
1.000	L SUM	MOBILIZATION	22.900	M	GD RAIL-STL INT RDWY TERM SECT
308.000	M2	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	4.000	EACH	GUARD RAIL-STL/BR APPR-TY 3
350.000	KM	TEST TRAILER-TRANSPORT & SETUP	4.000	EACH	GD RAIL-BOX BEAM/BR APPR-SECT
263,482.000	M2	COVER - TYPE 1	40.000	EACH	GD RL BOX BEAM OPT TERM SEC
801.000	M3	SHOULDER GRAVEL	3.000	EACH	GUARD RAIL-OPTIONAL TERM SECT
38,474.000	MT	PLANT MIX BIT SURF GR S-12.5MM	2,500.000	M	REMOVE GUARD RAIL
538.000	MT	HYDRATED LIME	120,000.000	UNIT	TRAFFIC CONTROL-DEVICES CB
2,231.400	MT	ASPHALT CEMENT PG 64-28	37.800	KM	TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS
36,931.000	L	EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SS-1	0.560	M2	SIGNS-SHEET ALUM REFL SHT III
483.700	MT	EMULSIFIED ASPHALT CRS-2P	2,512.000	L	STRIPING-WHITE PAINT
2,716.000	M2	COLD MILLING	1,092.000	L	STRIPING-YELLOW PAINT
1.000	L SUM	PREPARE DECK	6.000	L	WORDS & SYMBOLS-WHITE PAINT
308.000	M2	WATERPROOF MEMBRANE	3,290.000	L	STRIPING-WHITE EPOXY
120.300	M	REVISE BR RAIL- CONC BARRIER	1,447.000	L	STRIPING-YELLOW EPOXY
83.800	M	GUARD RAIL-STEEL	8.000	L	WORDS/SYMBOLS-WHITE EPOXY

Contract to be completed in 75 Working Days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$1,000,000.00 and \$4,000,000.00.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 0.0%.

Cost of proposal only \$15.00. All bid documents are available for downloading and/or printing free of charge on the Contractor's System web site at the following address: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/> under the "Letting Info" dropdown and "Bid Packages" link.

This project is under the jurisdiction of the Billings District Administrator. Tentative Engineering Project Manager: Jay Muhlbeier

Contract No. 10105. Uniform Nos. 4893 & 5205.

**4. Lockwood to Johnson Ln.  
Federal Aid Project No. STPX 56931(2)**

Cold milling, plant-mix bituminous surfacing, seal & cover, and pavement markings on the Lockwood to Johnson Lane project located on North Frontage Rd. beginning at RP 0.00, the intersection with National Highway Route 16, and extends NE approximately 2.7 miles to RP 2.68.

The entire project is located within the Billings Urban Limits in Yellowstone County.

**INVOLVING:**

5,000.000	UNIT	MISCELLANEOUS WORK	4.000	EACH	RESET CONC BARRIER RAIL
1.000	L SUM	MOBILIZATION	1.000	L SUM	TRAFFIC CONTROL
47,454.000	SQ YD	COVER - TYPE 1	1.000	GAL	WORDS & SYMBOLS-WHITE PAINT
4,731.000	TON	PLANT MIX SURF GR S NV-1/2 IN	1.000	GAL	WORDS/SYMBOLS-WHITE EPOXY
66.000	TON	HYDRATED LIME	59.000	GAL	STRIPING-WHITE PAINT
275.000	TON	ASPHALT CEMENT PG 64-28	78.000	GAL	STRIPING-WHITE EPOXY
1,268.000	GAL	EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SS-1	53.000	GAL	STRIPING-YELLOW PAINT
81.200	TON	EMULS ASPHALT CRS-2P	70.000	GAL	STRIPING-YELLOW EPOXY
51,342.000	SQ YD	COLD MILLING	2.700	MILE	TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Contract to be completed in 30 Working Days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$200,000.00 and \$500,000.00.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 0.0%.

Cost of proposal only \$15.00. All bid documents are available for downloading and/or printing free of charge on the Contractor's System web site at the following address: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/> under the "Letting Info" dropdown and "Bid Packages" link.

This project is under the jurisdiction of the Billings District Administrator. Tentative Engineering Project Manager: Perry Bergen

Contract No. 01505. Uniform No. 5214.

**5. 2001 - D1 - Electrical  
Federal Aid Project No. STPHS 0002(758)**

2001-D1-Electrical consists of the installation and/or upgrade of flashing beacons and luminaires at the following 3 locations in Flathead County.

Installations of luminaires at the intersection of National Highway Route 1/US 2 and Hilltop Road in Columbia Falls.

Upgrade flashing beacon at the intersection of MT 83 and Swan River/Echo Lake Road.

Installation of a new flashing beacon on State Secondary Route 209 and Ferndale Road in Ferndale.

**INVOLVING:**

2,000.000	UNIT	MISCELLANEOUS WORK	2.000	EACH	STANDARD-STL TYPE 10-A-500-6
1.000	L SUM	MOBILIZATION	3.000	EACH	LUMINAIRE ASSEMBLY-250W SV
5.800	M3	FOUNDATION-CONCRETE	1.000	EACH	SIG STANDARD TYPE 2-A-900-9
14.000	M	CONDUIT-STEEL 53 MM RIGID	1.000	EACH	SIG STANDARD TYPE 3-A-900-8
95.000	M	CONDUIT-PLASTIC 53 MM	16.000	EACH	SIG-TRAF 1 COLOR-1 WAY 30
3.000	EACH	PULL BOX-CONCRETE TYPE 2	3.000	EACH	SERV ASSEMBLY-20 AMP
47.000	M	CABLE-COPPER 3AWG14-600V	10,000.000	UNIT	TRAFFIC CONTROL-DEVICES CB
246.000	M	CONDUCTOR-COPPER AWG10-600V			

Contract to be completed in 30 Working Days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$0 and \$100,000.00.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 0.0%.

Cost of plans and proposal \$15.00 per set. Large plans \$11.00 per set. All bid documents are available for downloading and/or printing free of charge on the Contractor's System web site at the following address: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/> under the "Letting Info" dropdown and "Bid Packages" link.

This project is under the jurisdiction of the Missoula District Administrator. Tentative Engineering Project Manager: Dean Sackett

Contract No. 03505. Uniform No. 5006.

# **BID COMPARISON SHEETS** **FOR LETTING MAY 26, 2005**

<b>OVERVIEW OF THIS MONTH LETTING</b>		
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS LET THIS MONTH		5
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS PULLED		0
TOTAL NUMBER OF BIDS RECEIVED		12
AVERAGE NUMBER OF BIDS PER PROJECT		2.4
TOTAL DBE GOALS		4.50%
TOTAL DBE PARTICIPATION		4.22%
TOTAL ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$20,527,599.75	
TOTAL LOW BID	\$20,241,783.84	-1.39%
<b>0</b>	<b>BID(S) NON-RESPONSIVE:</b>	
<b>BID DOCUMENTATION REQ'D ON PROJECT NO(s).</b>		<b>DATE REC'D</b>
1	MERIWETHER – EAST & ALKALI LAKE WETLAND MITIGATION	6-1-05
2	CLAGETT HILL	5-31-05

<b>MDT GUIDELINES FOR AWARD</b>	
LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID	PERCENT OVER ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE
UNDER \$50,000	30%
\$50,000 - \$200,000	25%
\$200,000 - \$500,000	20%
\$500,000 - \$2,000,000	15%
BIDS OVER \$2,000,000	10%

<b>1.</b>	<b>NH-NHTSA 1-3(36)234 F MERIWETHER - EAST STPX-NH 37(26) ALKALI LAKE WETLAND MITIGATION</b>			
<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AS READ AMOUNT</b>	
	ENGINEERS ESTIMATE	BASE+LOW ALTERNATE	\$12,868,973.85	
1	S K CONSTRUCTION, INC.	HELENA	\$13,980,595.90	+8.64%
2	SCHELLINGER CONST. CO., INC.	COLUMBIA FALLS	\$15,921,275.28	
<b>DBE GOAL</b>	<b>FIRM</b>	<b>VERIFIED DBE AMOUNT</b>	<b>% DBE PARTICIPATION</b>	
3.0%	HIGHWAY SPECIALITIES	\$648,410	4.48%	



**BID COMPARISON SHEETS  
FOR LETTING MAY 26, 2005**

<b>2.</b>	<b>MT 236-1(10)44 CLAGETT HILL</b>			
<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AS READ AMOUNT</b>	
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE			\$4,618,447.95	
1	M K WEEDEN CONSTRUCTION, INC.	LEWISTOWN	\$2,832,552.94	-38.67%
2	SHUMAKER TRKG & EXCAVTG CNTRCTNG	GREAT FALLS	\$3,065,095.19	
3	RIVERSIDE CONTRACTING, INC.	MISSOULA	\$3,262,328.00	
4	PUMCO, INC.	LOLO	\$3,941,000.00	
5	WICKENS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	LEWISTOWN	\$4,596,159.99	
<b>DBE GOAL</b>	<b>FIRM</b>	<b>VERIFIED DBE AMOUNT</b>	<b>% DBE PARTICIPATION</b>	
1.5%	OMO CONSTRUCTION	\$105,558	5.39%	
	QUALITY LANDSCAPE	\$ 47,156		

<b>3.</b>	<b>SFCS 313-1(14)29 9 KM SOUTH OF ST. XAVIER – SOUTH STPS 384-1(19)13 EAST OF HARDIN – EAST</b>			
<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AS READ AMOUNT</b>	
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE			\$2,628,232.55	
1	RIVERSIDE CONTRACTING, INC.	MISSOULA	\$3,036,735.90	+15.54%
2	CENTURY COMPANIES, INC.	LEWISTOWN	\$3,218,432.55	
<b>DBE GOAL</b>	<b>FIRM</b>	<b>VERIFIED DBE AMOUNT</b>	<b>% DBE PARTICIPATION</b>	
0.0%			0.0%	

<b>4.</b>	<b>STPX 56931(2) LOCKWOOD TO JOHNSON LANE</b>			
<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AS READ AMOUNT</b>	
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE			\$358,418.40	
1	J T L GROUP, INC. – BILLINGS	BILLINGS	\$338,888.00	-5.45%
<b>DBE GOAL</b>	<b>FIRM</b>	<b>VERIFIED DBE AMOUNT</b>	<b>% DBE PARTICIPATION</b>	
0.0%			0.0%	

# **BID COMPARISON SHEETS** **FOR LETTING MAY 26, 2005**

<b>5.</b>	<b>STPHS 0002(758) 2001-D1-ELECTRICAL</b>			
<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>AS READ AMOUNT</b>	
ENGINEERS ESTIMATE			\$53,527.00	
1	MONTANA LINES, INC.	GREAT FALLS	\$53,011.10	- .96%
2	SCOTT CONSTRUCTION, INC.	EAST HELENA	\$61,502.00	
<b>DBE GOAL</b>	<b>FIRM</b>	<b>VERIFIED DBE AMOUNT</b>	<b>% DBE PARTICIPATION</b>	
0.0%	MONTANA LINES, INC.	\$53,011	100%	

<b>2.</b>	<b>MT 236-1(10)44 CLAGETT HILL</b>
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There were 5 bidders on this project and the low bid was 38.67% below the Engineer's Estimate. This difference can be attributed to unclassified excavation. The Engineer's Estimate for this item reflects the possibility of requiring blasting. It is anticipated that the cuts on a portion of this project may encounter cemented and massive sandstone. The bids we received range from \$2.55 (low bid) to \$5.00. There was a quantity of 630,172. The Engineer's Estimate was \$5.00 – this would account for \$1,543,921.40 of the differences in the totals.

<b>3.</b>	<b>SFCS 313-1(14)29 9 KM SOUTH OF ST. XAVIER – SOUTH</b> <b>STPS 384-1(19)13 EAST OF HARDIN – EAST</b>
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The 9 km South of St. Xavier – South project was previously let in February, 2005 and the low bid was 31.02% over the Engineer's Estimate so the project was not awarded. The decision was made to tie it to the East of Hardin – East project to see if we would get better prices and more competition. We had two bidders on this project (the same bidders as the letting in February) and the low bid is 15.54% over the Engineer's Estimate.

Adjustments made to the Engineer's Estimate from the letting in February were to the mobilization (revised from 13% to 15%) and traffic control (increased from 4% to 8%).

The items with the most dollar variance on the tied jobs are the Grade S Plant Mix.

I talked with Denis Devous with Riverside on May 27, 2005 and asked him why the price for a smaller quantity of plant mix on the St. Xavier job was lower than the price we received for these two tied projects with a larger quantity. The Engineer's Estimate for Grade S was \$19.00 and the bids we received were \$24.50 and \$26.00. The low bid from the St. Xavier project that was let in February was \$19.50. He indicated that they had to move their plant from St. Xavier to Hardin and the haul was now going to be around 30 miles compared to 4 miles with the single job. Documentation for this item was received from Riverside on May 31, 2005 and is attached. Recent bid history for this item in the same part of the state that had similar quantities were the Jordan East job where the bids received ranged from \$22.50 to \$25.50 and the Baker – North job where the bids ranged from \$18.60 to \$26.28 and the Baker – East job where the bids ranged from \$27.00 to \$33.00, therefore \$24.50 can be justified for this job. This would adjust the Engineer's Estimate by \$211,607. This adjustment brings the low bid to 6.9% above the Engineer's Estimate and is within guidelines for award.